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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)  
U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS  
Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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SUBJECT: ARGENTINE NATIONAL DR. MAURICIO LOPEZ

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REF: A) SANTIAGO 6320, B) B.A. 0458, C) STATE 14740

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED AN ADDITIONAL CONGRESSIONAL  
INQUIRY FROM CONGRESSWOMAN PATRICIA SCHROEDER CONCERNING  
DR. MAURICIO LOPEZ AND HIS DISAPPEARANCE ON JANUARY 1,  
1977.

2. MRS. SCHROEDER URGES AMBASSADOR TODMAN TO QUOTE  
EXPRESS OUR GRAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE WELFARE OF DR.  
LOPEZ, TO SEEK INFORMATION ABOUT HIS PRESENT STATUS, AND  
TO REQUEST HIS SPEEDY RELEASE END QUOTE. ACCORDING TO  
MRS. SCHROEDER QUOTE DR. LOPEZ WAS KIDNAPPED FROM HIS  
HOME IN MENDOZA ON JANUARY 1, 1977 BY FIVE MASKED MEN.  
HOWEVER, HOPE CONCERNING HIS WELL BEING WAS REKINDLED  
WHEN HIS FAMILY ON JANUARY 7 RECEIVED HAND WRITTEN LETTERS

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WHICH INDICATED THAT HE WAS WELL AND WAS RECEIVING GOOD

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TREATMENT. END QUOTE.

3. ATTACHED TO THE CONGRESSWOMAN'S LETTER WAS A COPY OF A LETTER CONCERNING DR. LOPEZ WHICH WAS SENT TO PRESIDENT VIDELA ON FEBRUARY 11 SIGNED BY 30 CONGRESSMEN AND THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER FOR PUERTO RICO. NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF THAT INQUIRY NOR FROM OTHERS SENT TO THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

4. EMBASSY WILL NOTE THAT REF. (A) FROM SANTIAGO REQUESTED BUENOS AIRES COMMENTS ON POSSIBILITY OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN RAISING CASE OF CHILEAN CITIZENS JACOBO STOULMAN BORTNIK AND WIFE, MATILDA TESSA MOISE, WHO ARE ALLEGEDLY BEING HELD BY ARGENTINE ARMY UNIT INVESTIGATING GRAIVER CASE.

5. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO BRING THIS MESSAGE TO ATTENTION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN.

6. ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON DR. LOPEZ WOULD BE APPRECIATED. CHRISTOPHER

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